

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when a few large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Clearly there is a conflict of interest in that Sinclair stands to gain from a second Bush term. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.
Thank you.